

EAGLE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #2

EAGLE RIDGE IS GOING GREEN

Starting November newsletters will be available on line only at www.sd43.bc.ca/eagleridge (paper copies will not be sent home). Students will make a note in their planner the day the newsletter is posted & families are asked to read the on-line newsletter for up to date information & calendar events. If you cannot access the internet please contact the school.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Don't forget these important dates:

EARLY DISMISSAL - Tuesday, October 20; students are dismissed at 1:53

- **More Sports** will run from 2 to 3:45; please pick up promptly
- **Aboriginal program** will run from 2 to 3; please pick up promptly

PROFESSIONAL DAY - Friday, October 23; students do not attend school

Newsletters Please check our home page every day or two so as not to miss important and/or interesting information, including calendar information. For example, today I am posting a blog, featuring some photographs of children learning, with my comments on the new BC Curriculum we're getting to know. I hope you enjoy the blog - I'm always happy to discuss learning.

Mornings. No adults are on supervision duty before 8:45 in the morning. Please ensure your child is not coming to school prior to then if you are not with them. There is no supervision outside following the 2:55 bell. Please ensure your child is picked up on time. We teach students to wait for caregivers in the front courtyard area. If they are meeting you somewhere else, we remind them they must come to the office if they are concerned at how long it's taking. Please reinforce this message with them, as we don't want any children to be afraid as there is always someone in the school.

Morning Bells. Late last year, many schools changed their bell schedules so they would be consistent in the district & accurate to the School Act. We now have 2 bells in the morning, which is new. The first bell signals kids playing outside (or walking up the hill) and teachers working inside that the day is about to begin. The 2nd bell signals time to come in and the majority of teachers greet their students at the door. With that, they are engaged in the day's teaching. They meet and greet students and parents. They oversee the changing of jackets, shoes, etc., interactions between students and delivery of notices. They ensure belongings are put away neatly. They help students regulate themselves as they start the day, and again as it ends in the afternoon. These routines form an important part of the school day and, in the new curriculum a great deal of emphasis is placed on developing core competencies such as self-regulation, taking care of your community, working with others, etc. Eagle Ridge teachers do a great job of this and, as a result all classrooms have a most welcoming feel to them.

WINTER WEATHER ALERT

In the event of heavy snowfall, ice or high wind:

- Check the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca beginning shortly after 6:00 a.m.
- Be sure to hit refresh when checking back
- The district website posting is official - there is no need to call the school or the Board office after viewing
- Tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM for updates



Just a reminder the gravel lot between Eagle Ridge and Scott Creek will not be cleared. To avoid traffic congestion please park at the bottom of Falcon (at the church) and walk up the hill. Don't forget to check the winter "no parking" regulations on Falcon Drive.

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to parents, staff, and students who supported our Terry Fox fundraiser. Together, we raised \$538.4 to help research a cure for cancer.

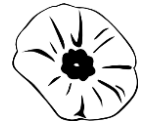
HALLOWEEN VANDALISM



Halloween night often results in schools being targeted by vandals with nothing better to do than make mischief. As you can imagine this results in significant costs to the District which directly takes away from resources needed for student learning. If you are going by the school in your travels that night and see anything suspicious it would be greatly appreciated if you would call the RCMP. Hopefully we can keep destruction to a minimum.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

School will not be in session on Wednesday, November 11th. Donations for poppies will be collected starting the week of November 2nd (all students will be given a poppy).



ABSENCES AND LATES

We ask that you let the office know if your son or daughter will be absent or late for school prior to 8:45AM each morning. This can be done by calling the office at 604-464-5848 after 8:00AM, after hours by leaving a message on the answering machine, or by submitting an online absence form (selecting Eagle Ridge as the school). **Please continue to remind your children to wash their hands as this is still the best defense against colds and the flu.**



SCHOOL CLOSED

Schools in SD#43 will be closed on Friday, November 20th (school closure day).

EXTRA CLOTHES

With the wet weather upon us **please** send an extra set of dry clothes to be kept in your child's classroom. Please send the clothes in a bag labeled with your child's name. By dressing your child appropriately for the wet weather conditions, raincoats, boots, umbrella etc. and by keeping a complete set of dry clothes at school this will ensure your child will not have to sit in wet, muddy clothes all day.



LOST AND FOUND

Please have your child check the lost and found bin in the hallway by the gym as there are many coats, shoes, umbrellas and lunch bags waiting to find their way home.



**TIME CHANGE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**

